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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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International application No. PCT/US00/25631	Priority date (day/month/year) 20 September 1999 (20.09.99)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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☐ was not

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C12Q1/00		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☐ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-22 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-27 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 1-27.

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 1-27 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
see separate sheet

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. Claims 1 and 23 refer to a "sensor comprising a volume of a hydrophilic medium". Such medium could, for example be, water, a buffered aqueous solution or glass beads. The said hydrophilic medium serves to retain an amount of analyte "proportionate" to the concentration of the analyte in the biological fluid assayed. As the sensor encompasses already a hydrophilic medium such as water, any addition of a sample from a biological fluid will unavoidably lead to a dilution of the said biological fluid and the analytes therein. It is therefore unclear (Art 6 PCT), how the feature of "proportionate" can be maintained. Moreover, claims 1 and 23 suggest that the biological fluid is "in contact with the sensor". The technical meaning of this is unclear (Art 6 PCT) as there is an "enclosure for said analyte retention volume", indicating that there is no exchange between the "hydrophilic medium" containing the "retention volume" and the "biological fluid" in contact with the sensor.

In addition, claims 2 and 10 refer to the method of claim 1 wherein the interval between the intermittent applied potentials is "less" (claim 2) or "equal or greater" (claim 10) than the time necessary for the concentration of the analyte in the retention volume to equilibrate with that in the biological fluid in contact with the sensor. For such an equilibration to take place, an exchange of material between the sample inside the enclosure and the fluid outside must take place. This, however, appears to go against claim 1 which refers to an "enclosure" suggesting that no material exchange takes place. According to the description the enclosure may encompass an "analyte permeable membrane" (page 6, lines 24-27). This feature, which is missing in claims 1 and 23, appears suitable to overcome some of the objections raised above. The description, however, also states that "such a membrane is not necessary to the operation of the sensor and as such is not required" (page 6, lines 24-27). Thus, the description appears not to provide information to overcome said contradictions.
2. In conclusion, claims 1, 2, 10 and 23 and the claims dependent thereon are so unclear (Art 6 PCT) that no meaningful opinion regarding novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability can be formed (Art 34(4)(a)(ii) PCT).

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. The expression "herein incorporated by reference" or equivalents thereof (e.g. page 8, lines 1 and 27) in the description of the present application should have been deleted (Guidelines, Section IV, II-4.17).
2. The vague and imprecise statement in the description of the present application (page 22, lines 2-4) implies that the subject-matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in lack of clarity of the claims (Art. 6 PCT) when used to interpret them (Guidelines, Section IV, III-4.3a). The statement should therefore have been amended to remove this inconsistency.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. The term "substantially" in claim 1 lacks clarity (Art 6 PCT).
2. The meaning of "initially predetermined" in claim 1 lacks clarity (Art 6 PCT).
3. The term "PQQ" in claims 4 and 27 lacks clarity (Art 6 PCT).
4. The phrase "...applied mediator oxidizing applied ..." in claim 1 lacks clarity (Art 6 PCT).
5. Claim 10 lacks clarity (Art 6 PCT) as it is unclear what the term "interval" refers to. It appears that a defining phrase such as "between the intermittent applied potentials" used in claim 2 is missing.

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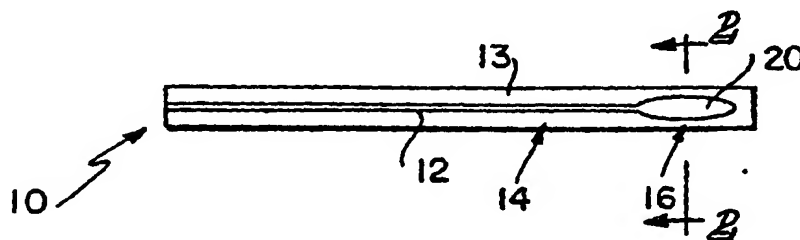
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(54) Title: SMALL VOLUME BIOSENSOR FOR CONTINUOUS ANALYTE MONITORING



(57) Abstract: Sensors (10, 110, 210, 310, 410) and a method for detecting an analyte are described. Sensors (10, 110, 210, 310, 410) each have a volume of a hydrophilic medium (24) that retains an amount of analyte proportionate to the concentration of analyte in a biological fluid, electrodes (12) and a redox

enzyme in contact with medium (24), and an electron transfer mediator. The fluid contacts sensors (10, 110, 210, 310, 410) and at initially predetermined intervals intermittently applies a potential to electrode (12) sufficient to oxidize the mediator and sensing current through electrode (12) as a function of the duration of the applied potential. The applied mediator oxidizing applied potential is maintained for a period of time sufficient to determine the rate of change of current with time through electrode (12). The current flow is correlated with the current flow for known concentrations of the analyte in medium (24).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	abstract	23-27
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

SMALL VOLUME BIOSENSOR FOR CONTINUOUS ANALYTE MONITORING

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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